



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3096

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Funds are needed to seek contractual engineering services to analyze the elements and components needed to prevent water infiltrating into the wastewater facilities, such as a protective berm/wall or other improvement(s). Protection of critical assets and life, health and safety for citizenry for this Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO). The wastewater plant facilities were compromised due to Hurricane Ian and the rise of the Peace River.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	750,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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Received \$2,397,086; Funds used for water and sewer infrastructure, lost revenue selection and use of funds for general governmental services.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

1/30/2026

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

The City of Wauchula is both owner and entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contractual services for study of hardening of wastewater treatment plant facilities from being submerged and flooded during storm events.	750,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

The wastewater plant facilities were compromised due to Hurricane Ian and the rise of the Peace River. Funds are needed to seek contractual engineering services to analyze the elements and components needed to prevent water infiltrating into the wastewater facilities, such as a protective berm/wall or other improvement(s). Protection of critical assets and life, health and safety for citizenry for this Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO).

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?



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To seek contractual services for engineering study through competitive procurement policies.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Direct services is the protection of wastewater plant facilities from flooding improves and protects the general public from harm, health, life and safety by preventing sewage infiltrating into the surface, groundwater, the environment and the Peace River Basin and Charlotte Harbor Estuary.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The target population in this rural area of opportunity is residents, visitors, elderly persons, students, economically disadvantaged persons, the general public, and the surrounding areas. Population expected to be served exceeds 25,000 people.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Outcome will be the appropriate elements needed to be designed and constructed for the protection of wastewater plant facilities from flooding improves and protects the general public from harm by preventing sewage infiltrating into the surface, groundwater, the environment and the Peace River Basin and Charlotte Harbor Estuary.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Contractual milestones established throughout project, implementation of corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones completed.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?